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SUBJ: MEXICO ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM

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1. FOREIGN SECRETARY EMILIO O. RABASA ANNOUNCED THAT AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM'S AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, HA VAN LAU, MEXICO AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV) ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AS OF 6 PM LOCAL TIME, MAY 19. RABASA STRESSED THAT THIS IS IN ACCORD WITH THE OPEN, DYNAMIC, AND THIRD WORLD CHARACTER OF PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA'S FOREIGN POLICY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE DRV WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE IMPACT ON MEXICO'S RELATIONS WITH THE US AND OTHER POWERS, RABASA REPLIED:
" I DO NOT SEE WHY THEY WOULD DETERIORATE. MOREOVER, PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA MAKES DECISIONS AND CONDUCTS FOREIGN POLICY WITH ABSOLUTE INDEPENDENCE AND AUTONOMY, AND IN ACCORD WITH WHAT HE FEELS ARE THE BEST AND MOST IMPORTANT INTERESTS OF MEXICO."

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3. RABASA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT FOR THE TIME BEING MEXICO WILL NOT ESTABLISH AN EMBASSY IN HANOI BUT INSTEAD WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ITS AMBASSADOR IN PEKING, EUGENIO ANQUIANO ROCH. SIMILARLY, THE DRV WILL BE REPRESENTED HERE BY ITS AMBASSADOR IN HAVANA, HA VAN LAU.

4. IN ADDITION, RABASA SAID THAT THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE GOM AND THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND THAT AN OFFICIAL OF THAT GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE HERE WITHIN A FEW DAYS FOR FURTHER TALKS.

5. RABASA ANNOUNCED THAT A CAMBODIAN AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO COME TO MEXICO WITHIN 2 TO 3 MONTHS TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

6. DURING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S TERM IN OFFICE, RABASA NOTED THAT MEXICO HAS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING 15 NATIONS: DRV, BAHAMAS, BARBADOS, GUYANA, GRENADA, TANZANIA, CYPRUS, EAST GERMANY, HUNGARY, BULGARIA, ROMANIA, ALBANIA, THE PRC, NEW ZEALAND, AND MALAYSIA.
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